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KID COLT OUTLAW

RUN FOR COVER! IT'S TIGER TALON!

AN' HE MET HIS MATCH! HYAR COMES KID COLT!

HOARSE SHOUTS OF DESPERATE MEN! AMBUSH IN A BORDER TOWN WHILE A YOUNG NATION FLEXED ITS MUSCLES WESTWARD! ALTHOUGH HE DIDN'T KNOW IT AT THE MOMENT, KID COLT HAD A..."DATE WITH DESTINY!"

JACK KELLER

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NOW THE DUSTY MAIN STREET OF CREE CITY WAS EMPTY, SAVE FOR THE ROAD AGENTS WHO HAD ATTACKED THE STAGE, AND A LITHE, GRAY-EYED STRANGER...

LEAVE THE CARPETBAGS! WE'RE AFTER RICHER LOOT!

WHICH BOX GOT THE SILVERMINE PAYROLL? TALK FAST!

HEY! WHO ARE YOU? GET DOWN!

I WAS JUST PASSING BY AND FIGURED MAYBE I COULD HELP YOU UNLOAD THIS STAGE!

THERE! THIS STAGE IS A LOT LIGHTER ALREADY!

HEY! I'LL GET YUH FER THAT!

"TIGER" TALON'S GUNS BLAZED, BUT KID COLT WASN'T EASY TO HIT!

YOU WANT THIS STAGE UNLOADED. AND THAT'S WHAT I AIM TO DO!

SUITCASES, CRATES, FEED BAGS AND ASSORTED FREIGHT SHOWERED DOWN WITH DEADLY ACCURACY...

YOU'LL FIND EVERYTHING YOU NEED... *EXCEPT* THE SILVERMINE PAYROLL!

I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES WITH A CORRAL FULL OF WILDCATS!

SEE YOU LATER, CHARLIE... MAYBE!

WHOA, YOU RUNAWAYS! YOU'VE GOT A DATE WITH A JURY!

LOOK HARD, LUKE! YOU CAN TELL YOUR GRANDCHILDREN YOU SAW *KID COLT* IN ACTION!

GOLD NUGGET CAFE

WHICH WAY DID THAT *OTHER* ONE GO... THE ONE WHO CALLS HIMSELF "TIGER!"

HE SHINNIED UP THE PORCH OF THAT STORE YONDER! DON'T STRETCH YORE LUCK, SON! LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE!

TAKE A DEEP BREATH, "TIGER!" YOU'RE HEADING FOR A BATH IN SHALLOW WATER!

H-HELP! I'M F-FALLING!

NOW THERE'S A RIGHT SMART PIECE OF THINKING! OF COURSE YOU'RE FALLING!

NOW JUST SLAP A COVER ON THAT BARREL AND YOU'VE CAUGHT YOURSELF A POLECAT!

MISTER, WE'RE GOIN' TO NAME THIS STREET AFTER YUH!

MOMENTS LATER, A TALL, GRANITE-FACED STRANGER STEPPED UP TO THE KID...

HOWDY, KID! I SAW YOU TREE THAT PACK OF BUSHWHACKERS! YOU AIMIN' TO LEAVE TOWN NOW?

THAT'S RIGHT, MISTER! I DON'T GENERALLY TARRY TOO LONG IN ONE PLACE!

MEAT MARKET

PORK

THOSE VULTURES WEREN'T AFTER THE SILVERMINE PAYROLL, KID! THEY WERE AFTER SOMETHING A LOT MORE IMPORTANT!

WHATEVER IT IS, THEY DIDN'T GET IT!

KID, I WANT TO HIRE YOUR GUNS TO SEE THIS STAGE THROUGH TO BIG BEND...SAFELY!

MY GUNS AREN'T FOR HIRE! I'VE GOT NO FURTHER INTEREST IN THAT STAGE!

IF YOU GOT NO FURTHER INTEREST IN THE STAGE, THEN YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR COUNTRY EITHER!

WHAT'S THIS GOT TO DO WITH MY INTEREST IN MY COUNTRY?

MY NAME'S SAM GANTRY... GOVERNMENT COURIER! THAT STAGE IS CARRYING OFFICIAL DEEDS, COVERING THE LANDS GRANTED BY THE SIOUX NATIONS TO OUR COUNTRY!

KEEP TALKING...

IF THE DEEDS DON'T REACH BIG BEND SAFELY, THE DEAL IS OFF! THERE ARE PLENTY OF RENEGADES WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN!

GIVE ME MY INSTRUCTIONS! I'LL HERD THAT STAGE INTO BIG BEND!

TWO HOURS LATER, THE CREE CITY STAGE AND ITS PRECIOUS CARGO THUNDERED ACROSS THE PLAINS TOWARD BIG BEND...

HEY, KID! YOU'RE SWINGING OFF THE TRAIL!

I KNOW IT! I'M LEADING YOU TO LARGO'S FORD, INSTEAD OF THE SNAKE RIVER CROSSING!

THE BRIDGE AT SNAKE RIVER! IS A NATURAL AMBUSH! YOU KEEP TO THE LEFT AND FORD THE RIVER AT LARGO LANDING! I'LL MEET YOU LATER!

I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

MEANWHILE, AT THE SNAKE RIVER BRIDGE...

"TIGER" TALON GOT STUCK IN CREE CITY! THE STAGE'S GOT TO COME THIS WAY, SO GET READY FOR IT!

NOTHIN' WILL EVER GET ACROSS HERE, JAKE!

LOOK! SOMEBODY'S TRYIN' TO RACE THROUGH! MUST BE A PONY EXPRESS RIDER WITH THE DEEDS! GET HIM, BOYS!

BUT BEFORE THE THUGS COULD SCATTER FOR COVER...

AN HOUR LATER...

REIN IN! THAT'S THE KID UP YONDER!

THE BRIDGE WAS AMBUSHED, BUT I FIXED THAT! WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE DEEDS THROUGH BY OURSELVES! I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THAT GULLY UP AHEAD!

HOW DO YOU WANT TO HANDLE IT?

MINUTES LATER...

I GOT A HUNCH THAT STAGE WON'T GET THROUGH THE PASS! WE'LL CIRCLE AROUND AND GO ON TO BIG BEND!

YOU'RE LEADING THIS EXPEDITION! THE DRIVER CAN RIDE THE SADDLE WITH ME!

AS THE STAGE THUNDERED THROUGH THE PASS, DISASTER STRUCK!

TWO HOURS LATER, IN BIG BEND...

GANTRY, THE SAFE ARRIVAL OF THESE DOCUMENTS MEANS MUCH FOR OUR COUNTRY! I SHALL COMMEND YOU TO AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON!

THE CREDIT BELONGS NOT TO ME BUT TO MY PARTNER HERE... ***KID COLT!***

KID COLT? BUT HE'S A NOTORIOUS...

YOU'RE ***WRONG***, SIR! HE'S A ***GREAT AMERICAN!***

THE END

THE PROUD MAN

"POP" PORTER was a proud man. He had started from scratch and built his Bar Circle Ranch into the biggest and best-kept spread in the southwest territory. But times had gotten tougher. As Andy Porter aged gradually, competition from other ranches grew keener, and he had been forced to sell parcels of his huge property, bit-by-bit, until only a small tract remained.

Reluctantly, he had sold some of his prize stock in order to meet the mortgage payments on the ranch. Sorrowfully, he had fired some of the hired hands who had served him well for so many years.

"It's okay, Pop," they tried to console him. "The ranch is much smaller today and you don't really need as many hands. We don't want to be kept as charity cases."

Pop wasn't deceived by their words. They knew he didn't have money to pay their wages, but they pretended that Pop was being charitable with them. They insisted Pop didn't need much help anymore to handle the small spread, yet they all showed up at roundup time and "just chipped in their services for old times' sake." It gladdened Pop's heart that they felt close to him, but it saddened him, too, that he could no longer keep them on his ranch permanently.

Despite his advanced age and financial setbacks, Pop still managed a cheerful outlook. Youngsters still flocked to him and pleaded with him to sing the songs of the Old West while he strummed out the melody on his guitar. And Pop would oblige them, his rich baritone voice swelling with pride as he sang the glory of the Wild West he had known as a boy.

After one typical song session in the Twin Bluffs Town Hall, a group of oldtimers shook their heads sadly. "It's a shame that Pop Porter's up against it now, after having the best ranch in these parts," Sam Smith observed. "Everybody loves him, from the young'uns up to the greybeards. We ought to help him some way."

"Why don't we build up a fund for Pop?" Hank Walters suggested. "I'll bet there isn't a single soul in town who wouldn't kick in a contribution for him. With a sizeable collection, we could pay off most of his mortgage and have enough left over to hire a good tophand to run the Bar Circle. Then, Pop could live in peace and comfort."

"Good idea!" Buck Weaver enthused. "Let's organize a committee right now."

Within a few minutes, a committee to save the Bar Circle had been appointed. A smaller group was authorized to solicit shopkeepers, cowboys, ranchers, and even the local banker for funds to assist Pop Porter. And everything moved smoothly at first. Everybody chipped in willingly when Pop's name was mentioned, and before long a sum had been amassed that would free Pop from worries for a long time to come.

Yet, the whole project had to be abandoned. Somehow, Pop got wind of the fund-raising campaign. He came to town and addressed the group of friends who had decided to help him. And there were tears in his eyes, but no one knew whether they were from shame or anger.

"I appreciate what you tried to do, boys," Pop said with a break in his voice. "But I can't accept charity. It's true I may have to sell out, and that won't make me happy. But I've had my days in the sun. There's no law that says I must *own* a ranch and be rich. I don't need much now that I'm old, and I'm no better than a bunch of you who have *never* owned a ranch. Why should I be treated as something special?"

"Just because most of us think you *are* something special, Pop," Hank answered softly. "There are some men who'll only be hired hands all their lives . . . like me. There are other spoiled brats who are born with a silver spoon in their mouths and become wealthy and influential ranchers just by inheritance.

"*You earned* the right to run a ranch, and you were born for the job. You know ranching, your reputation is spotless, and there wasn't a hired hand who worked for you who didn't insist you gave him a square deal."

"Thanks, Hank," Pop said huskily. "But I still can't accept

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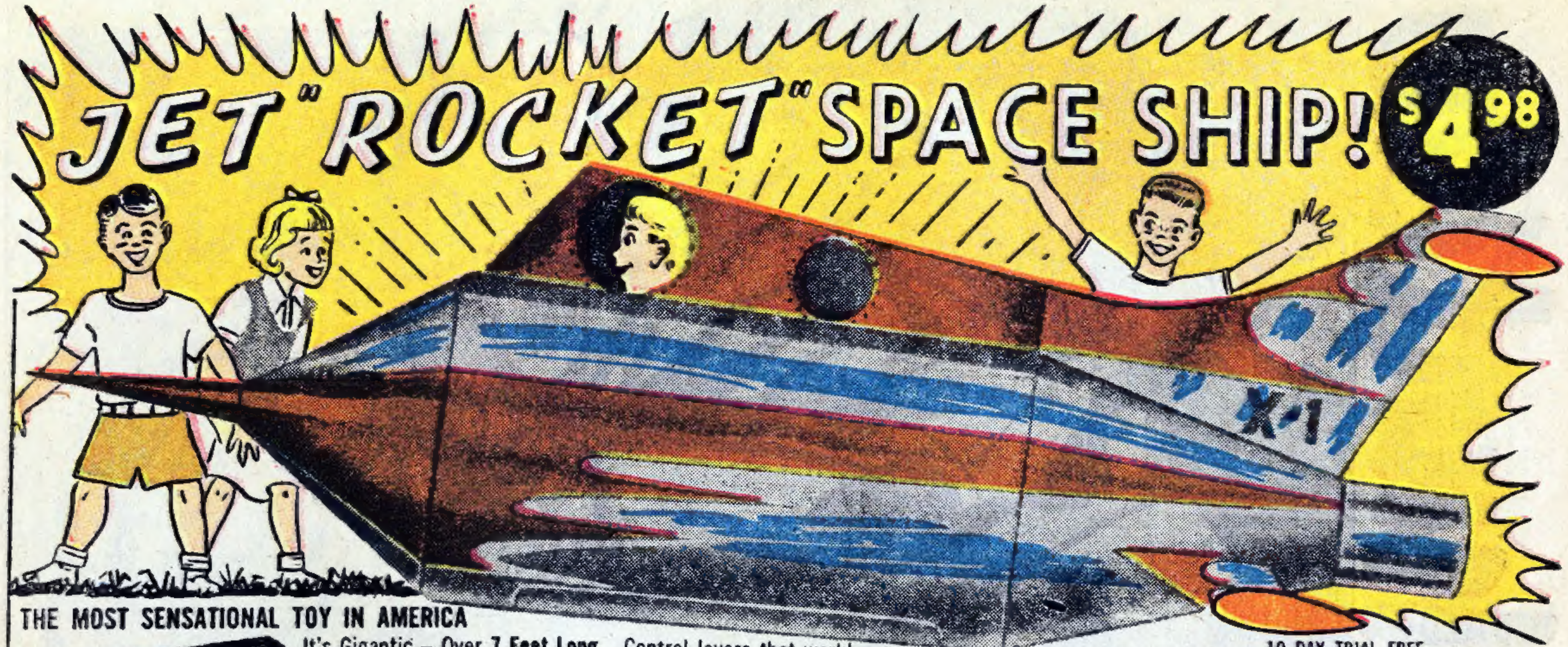

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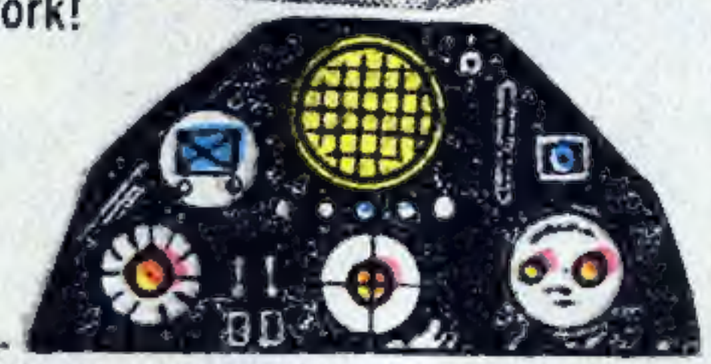

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FREEZE, HOMBRE - OR CATCH LEAD!

DON'T SHOOT! DON'T SHOOT!

by Stan Lee & Jerry Robinson

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IT'S MR. WILSON, THE RANCHER! WHAT ARE ***YOU*** DOING HERE ?

I HAD TO SEE YOU, MARSHAL! IT'S MY PAYROLL... TWO OF MY HANDS STOLE IT TONIGHT- AND THEY'RE HEADING FOR THE BORDER!

I FIGGERED IF ANY HOMBRE COULD BRING THEM BACK BEFORE THEY REACHED THE BORDER, IT WOULD BE MARSHAL BRETT DUNCON, THE MANHUNTER!

I SHORE HATE TO SPOIL THE COZY DREAM I WUZ HAVIN', BUT A JOB'S A JOB! WHO ARE THE TWO RANNIES?

YOU KNOW 'EM BOTH! RED NELSON, MY WRANGLER, AND SPUR SMITH, MY LINE BOSS! THEY'RE BOTH BIG AND TOUGH AND FAST WITH THEIR GUNS!

HOW MUCH OF A START WOULD YOU SAY THEY HAD ?

ABOUT TWO HOURS! I GOT HERE AS FAST AS I COULD! THEY SHOULD BE AT VULTURE PASS BY NOW! HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE YOU TO ROUND UP A POSSE ?

THERE'S NO TIME FOR A POSSE!

MY GUNS ARE ALL THE HELP I NEED !

EXACTLY FORTY-FIVE MINUTES LATER...

I'M GAINING ON THEM - THEIR TRACKS ARE FRESHER!

THAT'S A RIFLE SHOT! MY COLTS ARE OUT-DISTANCED! I'VE GOT TO GET WITHIN RANGE!!

THERE THEY ARE - IN THE VALLEY!

THESE ROCKS! IF I CAN START A LANDSLIDE - I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SNEAK UP ON THEM IN THE CONFUSION!

NOW, BOY-- GO!

HERE COMES THE MARSHAL!

YOU WORRY ABOUT HIM--- I GOT ENUFF TO DO DODGIN' THESE STONES!

SPUR- RED- YOU'RE COVERED! ---THROW DOWN YOUR GUNS!

NO DEAL, MARSHAL... WE'VE GOT TOO MUCH AT STAKE!

HE'S BLUFFIN'! WE'RE SAFE BEHIND THIS ROCK!

SPUR- LOOK... THAT LOOSE STONE ROLLIN' DOWN!

HE MUST BE BEHIND THAT ROCK- LET'S GIT HIM!

CAREFUL, SPUR- HE'S TRICKY!

ALL RIGHT, MARSHAL, COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!

YOU'RE RIGHT, RED- I AM TRICKY! NOT A SOUND OUTA YUH, IF YUH WANNA LIVE!

I'M GIVIN' YUH 10 MORE SECONDS, MARSHAL, AN' THEN I START BLASTIN'!

RED- AIN'T NO ONE IN HERE BUT THE MARSHAL'S HOSS!

I HADDA LEAVE HIM SOME-WHERE, SPUR!

NOW I GOT YUH... MY RIFLE AGIN YORE LITTLE PEA-SHOOTER!

DON'T DO IT, SPUR- I'LL GIT SHOT!

IF YUH SHOOT, SPUR, YUH MAY HAVTA HANG FER MURDER!

BUT NO ONE EVER LEARNED WHETHER SPUR WOULD HAVE TRIED TO SHOOT IT OUT WITH THE MARSHAL, FOR IN A SPLIT SECOND....

DUNCON HURLED RED TO SAFETY AND TOOK ONE SHOT AT SPUR'S GUN-- WITH LIFE OR DEATH HANGING IN THE BALANCE!

THE NEXT MORNING FOUND THE TWO PAYROLL THIEVES ENSCONCED IN JAIL AS EBEN SLAVIN, THE TOWN BANKER, RUSHED IN...

MARSHAL, THREE MASKED MEN JUST ROBBED THE BANK!

SHUCKS... I KINDA HOPED I'D HAVE TIME FER A CUP OF COFFEE!

WHAT ABOUT A POSSE?

THAT HOMBRE NEEDS A POSSE LIKE I NEED ANOTHER HEAD!

THE MARSHAL'S GOT 'EM OUTNUMBERED ONE TO THREE!

AND SO, WITHOUT SO MUCH AS TIME FOR A COFFEE BREAK, MARSHAL BRETT DUNCON HIT THE SADDLE AGAIN!

THE END

THIS STORY IS DEDICATED TO ALL LAWMEN OF THE WEST WHO, LIKE BRETT DUNCON, FOUGHT, AND SOME-TIMES DIED, WITH NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN TO MAKE THE WEST A DECENT PLACE TO LIVE!

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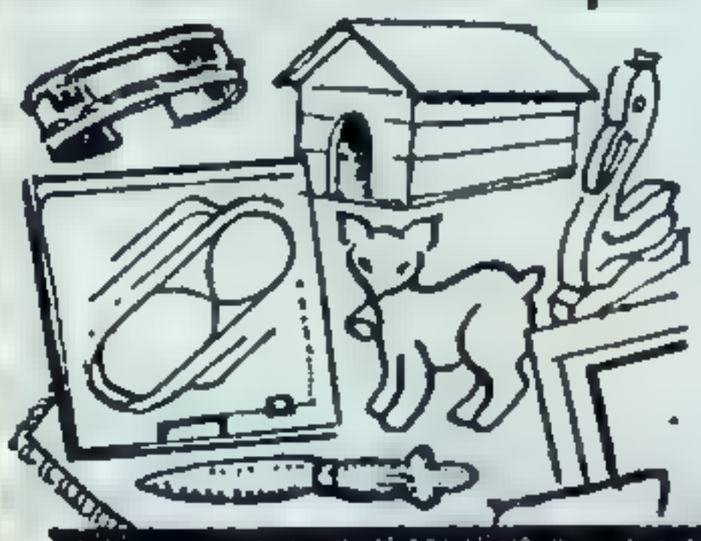

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OUTA MY WAY, GENTS! I'M A RING-TAILED CAYUSE AND TONIGHT'S MY NIGHT TO HOWL!

BETTER HEAD FOR COVER, HOMBRES! OL' MATT LARSEN IS RARIN' FOR TROUBLE TONIGHT!

NOW, MATT, HOW ABOUT PUTTIN' THAT IRON AWAY AND I'D BE MIGHTY PROUD TO GIVE YUH A FREE CUP OF COFFEE AFORE YUH GET INTO TROUBLE!

NO ORNERY NO-COUNT GLASS JOCKEY TALKS TO *ME* THAT WAY!

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NOW, MATT, YOU KNOW THAT YOU AN' ME IS FRIENDS!

I AIN'T GOT NO FRIENDS! I'M A SAWED-OFF COYOTE AND I'M SPOILIN' FOR A FIGHT!

I GOT 'IM!

HUH?

WHEW!

TAKE HIM OFF TO JAIL, BOYS... AND GIVE HIM PLENTY OF TIME TO COOL OFF!

I WAS WORRIED THERE FOR A MINUTE ...A GUN BARREL CAN LOOK POWERFUL BIG WHEN YO'RE STARIN' INTO THE CENTER OF IT!

I APPRECIATE YORE HELP, DALLAS! IF YUH HADN'T KEPT DISTRACTIN' HIM, IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO EASY TO TAKE HIM!

DON'T MENTION IT, SHERIFF...

I HEARD TELL ONE TIME HOW TEXAS SAM ONCE TRIED TO SHOOT UP A SALOON AND *NOBODY* COULD STOP HIM!

GOOD THING HE'S OUT OF CIRCULATION! NOW... I RECKON HE WAS THE ORNERIEST HOMBRE IN THE WEST!

WHO WAS THIS TEXAS SAM, GENTS?

NOW THAT THE RUCKUS IS OVER, WHAT'LL IT BE, GENTS?

HOLD IT, DALLAS! I WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THIS TEXAS SAM!

I FORGOT, SHERIFF...YO'RE NEW TO THESE PARTS...EVERY-BODY HERE HEARD OF TEXAS SAM!

HE WAS GREASED LIGHTNIN' ON THE DRAW... AN' THE FIGHTIN'EST JASPER IN THE TERRITORY! HE WUZN'T A BADMAN OR AN OUTLAW, BUT PEOPLE FEARED 'IM MORE THAN BILLY THE KID!

THAT SO?

I REMEMBER MY PAW TALKIN' ABOUT 'IM! I'D RATHER HAVE BEEN LIKE TEXAS THAN ANY OTHER MAN!

YUH DON'T KNOW WHAT YO'RE SAYIN', BOY! WHY WOULD YUH WANT TO BE A NO-ACCOUNT GUNFIGHTER?

BECAUSE HE HAD EVERYBODY BUFFALOED! THE WHOLE STATE WAS SCARED OF 'IM! EVERY TIME ANYONE SAW THAT BUFFALO TATTOO ON HIS ARM, THEY'D RUN FER COVER!

BUT WHAT GOOD DID IT DO HIM? WHERE IS HE NOW?

I FIGGER HE'S RETIRED SOMEWHERE ON A BIG RANCH WITH ALL THE MONEY HE'D EVER NEED! YES, SIR... I SPEND EVERY DAY PRACTICING MY DRAW! SOMEDAY, I'M GONNA BE ANOTHER TEXAS SAM!

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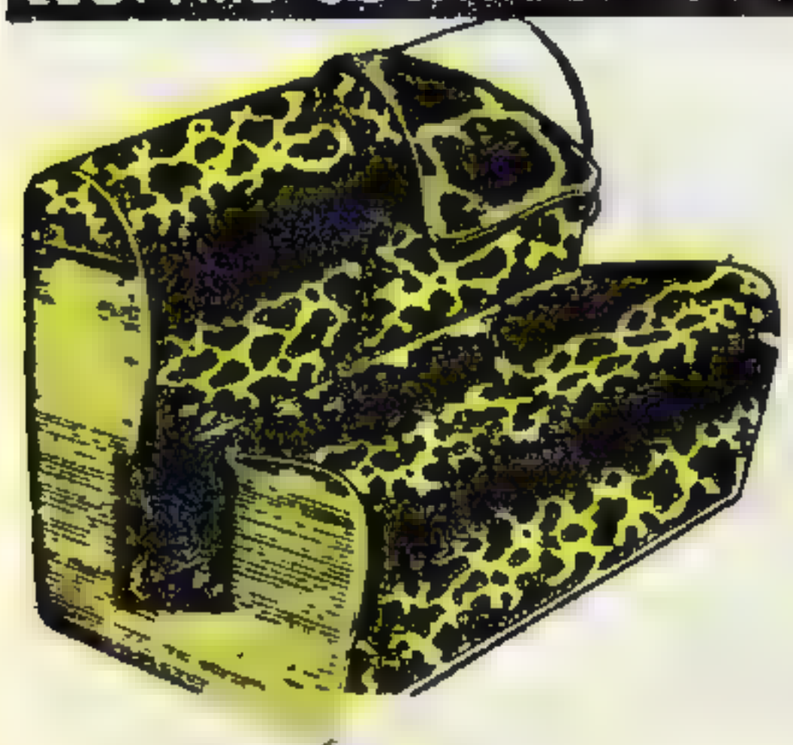

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SO YUH FIGGER A MAN LIKE THAT ENDS UP WITH LOTS OF MONEY AND A BIG RANCH, EH?

SHORE, ELSE WHY WOULD HE GIVE UP HIS EXCITING LIFE!

MAYBE HE WUZ SCARED! HE KNEW THAT SOONER OR LATER SOMEONE WOULD OUTGUN 'IM AN' HE WENT INTO HIDING!

NO, SIR... THE MAN WHO WORE THE BUFFALO TATTOO WASN'T SCARED OF *NOTHING!*

SON, YO'RE DEAD WRONG! IF YUH IMITATE TEXAS SAM, YUH'LL BE MAKIN' THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF YORE LIFE! HE NEVED DID NOTHING GOOD IN HIS LIFE, BUT I RECKON THIS IS HIS CHANCE TO DO *ONE* GOOD THING AFORE HE DIES...

WHAT ARE YUH TALKIN' ABOUT, DALLAS?

THIS! HERE'S THE HOMBRE WITH THE BIG RANCH AND ALL THE MONEY! HERE'S THE HOMBRE YUH WANNA IMITATE... TURNED INTO A PENNILESS BARTENDER, LIVIN' IN HOPE THAT NO ONE WILL RECOGNIZE 'IM AND TRY TO SETTLE AN OLD SCORE AGAINST A MAN WHO CAN'T SHOOT FAST ANY MORE! HERE'S TEXAS SAM!

AND NOW, WHAT'LL IT BE, GENTS?

THE END

HIS NAME WAS DUTCH WACO, AND HE RAN THE TINY FRONTIER TOWN OF MUD MESA WITH AN IRON FIST AND A BARKING COLT! THERE WAS NO LAW IN MUD MESA SAVE DUTCH WACO'S WHIM, AND NO LAWMAN IN TOWN...UNTIL ONE FATEFUL DAY!

LAWMAN FROM LARRAMEE!

DUTCH! I JUST HEARD! THE GOVERNOR SENT A LAWMAN TO TOWN TO CLEAN UP MUD MESA! HE'S IN TOWN RIGHT NOW!
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NOW, STOP CRINGIN' AND TELL ME WHO THIS BADGE-TOTER IS, SO I CAN RUN 'IM OUTA TOWN AFORE NIGHTFALL!

NOBODY KNOWS WHO HE IS! ALL I KNOW IS HE LEFT THE CAPITAL LAST WEEK, SO HE MUST BE IN TOWN BY NOW!

IT WON'T BE HARD TO FIND 'IM... AIN'T NEVER MORE THAN ONE OR TWO STRANGERS IN A ONE-TANK TOWN LIKE THIS NOHOW!

YUH GOTTA BE CAREFUL, DUTCH... HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO OUT-DRAW YUH!

DON'T EVER LET ME HEAR ANYBODY SAY THAT TO ME... EVER! NOBODY OUTDRAWS DUTCH WACO!

NATCHEZ! YOU AND PEDRO GO THRU TOWN AND BRING ME IN ANY STRANGERS YOU CAN FIND! NOW MOVE!

SURE, BOSS!

SOON AFTER...

SEARCHED THE TOWN, BOSS... THESE TWO RANNIES ARE THE ONLY NEW ARRIVALS IN DAYS!

WELL, WELL, SO THE TALL 'HOMBRE'S GONNA CLEAN UP MUD MESA, EH?

I DIDN'T DO NUTHIN'! WHAT DO YUH WANT WITH ME?

HAW HAW... WHAT WOULD ANYBODY WANT WITH A SADDLE-TRAMP LIKE YOU?!! BEAT IT, WE GOT BUSINESS WITH THIS OTHER GENT!

ARE YUH HERE ALONE, HOMBRE, OR DO YUH HAVE SOME PARTNERS WAITIN' FER YUH OUTSIDE OF TOWN?

I CAN'T SEE THAT THAT'S ANY BUSINESS OF YOURS, MISTER!

I AIM TO MAKE IT MY BUSINESS...AND NOBODY TALKS BACK TO ME, SEE?

I'LL GET YUH FOR THAT! I'LL...

HOLD 'IM, PEDRO...HE'S STRONG AS AN OX!

YOU'LL DO NUTHIN'!

WHAT'RE THEY BULLYIN' UP ON THAT STRANGER FOR, NEIGHBOR?

HE'S THE NEW LAW-MAN WHO'S COME TO CLEAN UP THE TOWN, AND WACO LIKES IT 'ZACTLY THE WAY IT IS!

HOW COME WACO GETS AWAY WITH RUNNIN' THE TOWN? DO ALL THE FOLKS HERE'BOUTS LIKE 'IM?

THAT'S DANGEROUS TALK FER A NEWCOMER... ***NOBODY*** LIKES DUTCH... BUT AIN'T NOBODY STRONG ENOUGH TO BUCK 'IM, NEITHER!

RECKON I'LL TAKE A HAND!

WACO, YOU'RE A YELLA-BELLIED COWARD FOR PICKIN' ON JUST ONE HOMBRE!

WHAT! NATCHEZ, TAKE CARE OF THIS LOCO JASPER!

ONE BULLET'LL SHUT HIM UP!

WITH A SPEED FASTER THAN THE NAKED EYE COULD FOLLOW, THE SEEDY-LOOKING STRANGER DREW HIS COLT AND...

THAT ONE-BULLET PROPOSITION WORKS BOTH WAYS, NATCHEZ!

PEDRO... GET 'IM!

SHORE, BOSS... I... UGH!

I GOT NO TIME TO WASTE ON HIRED HANDS!

NOW, WACO, DROP YORE GUNS OR SAY YORE PRAYERS!

WH-WHO ARE YOU?

I'M THE LAWMAN FROM LARRAMEE! NOW GIT! WE GOT A LOT OF RIDIN' TO DO!

TH-THEN WHO IS HE?

ME? I'M A SADDLE SALESMAN FROM TOLEDO! BUT I DON'T RECKON YUH'LL BE NEEDIN' A SADDLE FOR A LONG TIME, WHERE YO'RE GOIN'!

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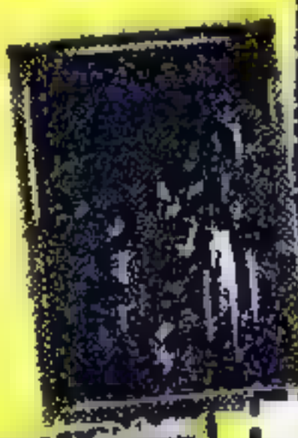

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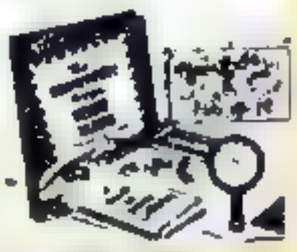

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it. But no matter what happens after you return the money, you've already made me feel richer than any other man alive. But if you'll forgive me, I promised to join the young fry for a song fest at the Town Hall."

The men nodded their heads admiringly as the old man headed up the street with the battered old guitar clutched in his hands. "He's a stubborn old cuss," Buck Weaver remarked, "but you sure have to admire his spunk and self-respect. And despite his worries, he's still sweet enough to entertain a bunch of kids who don't even seem to care what happens to him."

Buck Weaver couldn't have been more wrong! The fund-raising campaign had come to the kids' attention, and they had devised their own scheme to save Pop's ranch *and his pride*.

Unknown to Pop, young Jimmy Grayson brought his father's tape recorder to the song fest. Jimmy's father had once been Pop's top-hand. It was Pop who had assisted him to the top. He now owned one of the most prosperous, up-to-date ranches in the area. And his son, Jimmy, saw a way to use one of those modern devices to aid an old friend in need.

A week after the song fest, a smartly-dressed stranger came to town looking for Pop. "I must meet him," he announced to one and all. "Please have him come to my hotel suite."

A puzzled Pop Porter soon sauntered in to meet the stranger, who introduced himself as Larry Benton, Chief talent scout for SPLENDID FILMS, INC. "You know, Pop," he began, "our studio made a film about a year ago using the Grayson spread as our Western locale for the story. We all took a shine to Jimmy, and we decided to humor him when he sent in a tape recording of your song fests.

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TV and film producers pleaded with Pop to appear in their productions, but Pop refused politely. "I owe everything I have to the kids from Twin Bluffs. They allowed me to keep my self-respect, and I'll never let them down. As long as I live, I'll stay with them."

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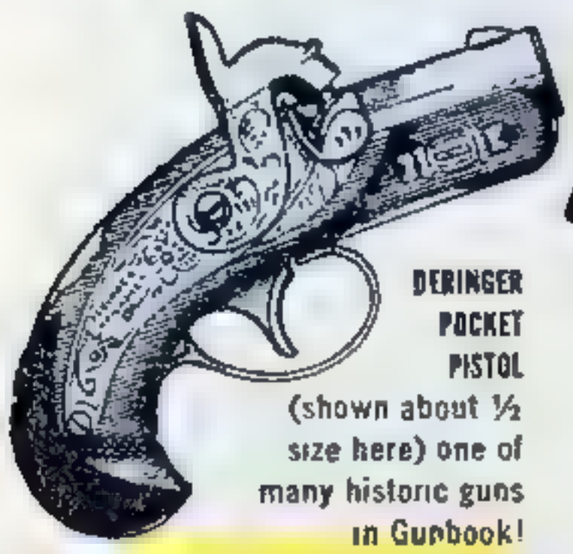

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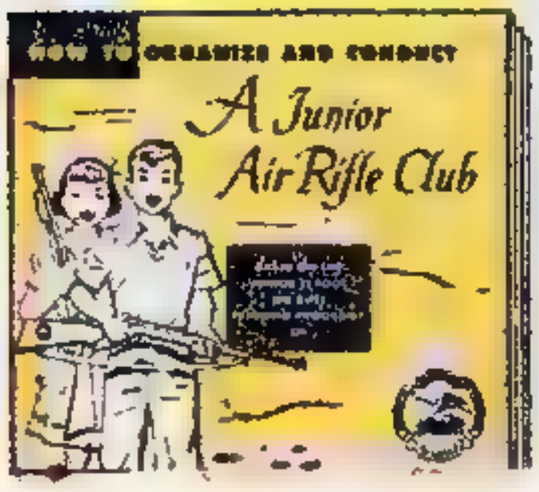

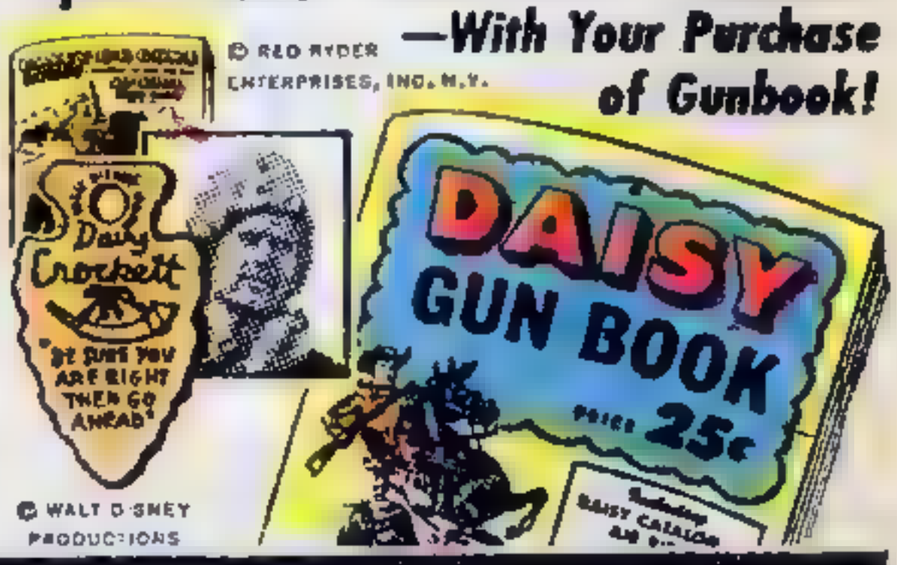
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THE BADGE OF U.S. MARSHAL FOR THE TOMBSTONE, ARIZONA DISTRICT WAS PINNED ON ME DURING THE TIME WHEN ED SCHIEFFELIN'S SILVER STRIKES WERE TURNING THE TOWN FROM A QUIET MESQUITE MESA INTO A BOOMING METROPOLIS! ALL THAT WEALTH AND THE STAGE SHIPMENTS OF SILVER BULLION ATTRACTED OUTLAWS LIKE COYOTES TO CARRION, AND THEY BECAME...

"THE TERROR OF TOMBSTONE!"

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I WARNED YOU HOMBRES THAT THERE WOULD BE NO GUN-TOTING IN TOMBSTONE!

AND YOU KNOW WHAT WE TOLD *YOU*, MARSHAL!

YES! THAT YOU'D WEAR GUNS AND USE THEM ON ME IF I TRIED TO TAKE THEM AWAY!

AND I SAID YOU'D LAND IN MY JAIL IF YOU TRIED... AND, I'M KEEPING MY PROMISE!

MARSHAL EARP! THE STAGE WITH THAT B.G SHIPMENT OF SILVER BULLION IS ABOUT READY! YOU'D BETTER HURRY IF YOU'RE GOIN' TO RIDE SHOTGUN ON THAT $0,000 DOLLAR LOAD!

NOTICE

I'LL BE OUT AS SOON AS I GET MY SHOTGUN LOADED!

HEY, FORTY-FIVE, DID YOU HEAR THAT?

YEAH, RAWHIDE! BUT NOW WE'RE IN JAIL, SO WHAT GOOD IS THE INFO?

PLENTY GOOD! LOOK OUT THE BACK WINDOW!

IT'S THE GANG... AND THEY'RE GOING TO BUST US OUT!

JUST GIVE US THE GUNS, AND WE'LL MEET YOU ON THE STAGE ROUTE AT CHAPARRAL CORNERS! BUT DON'T OPEN FIRE ON SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE WYATT EARP ON THE STAGE!

HUH? WHY NOT, RAWHIDE?

BECAUSE THAT'LL BE ME... IN HIS CLOTHES!

THEY CALLED FOR A PITCHER OF WATER, AND AS I BROUGHT IT...

HERE!

AND WE'VE GOT SOME-THIN' FOR *YOU*, TOO, MARSHAL!

WHILE YOU'RE CHANGIN' INTO HIS DUDS, RAWHIDE, I'LL GAG AND TIE HIM!

WE'VE GOT TO HURRY... THE STAGE IS WAITIN'!

SHUCKS, I THOUGHT YOU WERE STUFFIN' A CANNON, YOU TOOK SO LONG, MARSHAL... AN' WHO'S THAT CRITTER WITH YOU?

THE MARSHAL MADE ME A DEPUTY FOR THIS TRIP! I'LL RIDE INSIDE!

OKAY, WE'RE A-RIDIN'! ***HEE-YAW-W!*** DIG DIRT, YOU CAYUSES!

I HEARD FARGO'S YELL AND THE RUMBLE OF THE WHEELS AS THE COACH PULLED OUT OF TOMBSTONE...

BUT IT'LL NEVER GET TO THE RAILROAD DEPOT AT BENSON!

RECKON GUARDIN' ALL THAT BULLION HAS GOT YOU SPOOKED, HUH, MARSHAL? YOU AIN'T SAID A WORD!

THEY WILL MEET THE REST OF THEIR GANG SOMEWHERE ALONG THE ROUTE AND GET AWAY WITH ***EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF SILVER BULLION...*** AND HERE I AM HOG-TIED IN MY OWN JAIL!

BUT I DIDN'T AIM TO STAY!

I CAN PULL DOWN THIS GAG BY HOOKING IT ON THE CORNER OF THE BUNK!

THEN I MADE LIKE A *WESTERN MORNING DOVE...*

COO-AH COO-COO-COO!

GOOD BOY, JUSTICE! NOW COME IN THROUGH THAT BACK DOOR! UNDERSTAND?

UNTIE THE KNOTS JUST AS I TAUGHT YOU TO!

I WAS ANXIOUS AND IMPATIENT AS JUSTICE'S TEETH NIBBLED AND PULLED AT THE KNOTS...

NOW GO TO THE DESK, JUSTICE... OVER THERE! THE DESK!

HE YANKED OUT THREE DRAWERS BEFORE HE GOT THE RIGHT ONE...

BRING IT HERE, JUSTICE! IT'S GOT THE EXTRA KEY IN IT!

SECONDS LATER, I WAS RIDING OVER THE SHORT CUT TOWARD THE STAGECOACH TRAIL...

IF I HAD YELLED FOR HELP, ONE OF THE GANG MIGHT HAVE BEEN STATIONED OUTSIDE, HE WOULD'VE RACED TO WARN RAWHIDE! THIS WAY, I'LL SURPRISE THEM... IF I'M NOT TOO LATE!

I WASN'T TOO LATE... AND I *WAS* A SURPRISE!

IT'S THE MARSHAL! I BETTER YELL OUT THAT IT'S SOMEONE TRYING TO ROB THE STAGE!

WHO IS IT, MARSHAL?

IT MUST BE A STAGE ROBBER! HE GOT THE MARSHAL!

BUT I'LL GET *HIM!*

WHERE'D HE GO?

YOU SNEAKY ROAD AGENT, I'M GOIN' TO...

UNHOOK THAT TRIGGER, FARGO! IT'S ME... MARSHAL EARP!

HUH? BUT HOW IN...?

KEEP GOING, WHILE I GET BACK INTO MY CLOTHES! AND DO AS I SAY!

HERE IT COMES, BOYS, AND IT'S RAWHIDE IN EARP'S CLOTHES! HE'S GOT HIS GUN ON THE DRIVER AND HE'S MAKIN' HIM REIN UP!

AS THE GANG RODE UP, I SWUNG MY SHOTGUN FROM THE DRIVER TO THEM!

THERE'RE EIGHTEEN BUCKSHOTS IN THIS GUN AND YOU'LL GET THEM ALL AS SOON AS ANYONE REACHES FOR HIS GUNS!

HEY, THAT'S *NOT* RAWHIDE! IT'S *REALLY* THE MARSHAL!

WE DELIVERED THE BULLION TO BENSON'S DEPOT AND THE GANG TO BENSON'S JAIL! ON THE WAY BACK TO TOMBSTONE, I TOLD FARGO ALL ABOUT IT...

... AND I FIGURED THE MEN WHO GAVE THEM THE GUNS WOULD BE WAITING ALONG THE STAGE ROUTE!

MARSHAL, *YOU'RE* THE BEST THING THAT'S EVER HAPPENED TO TOMBSTONE!

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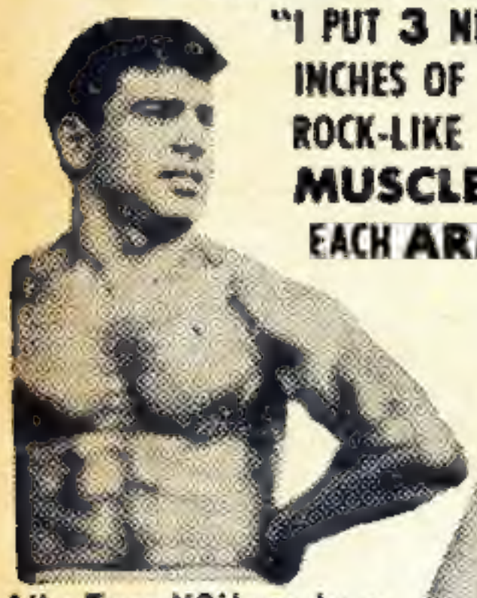

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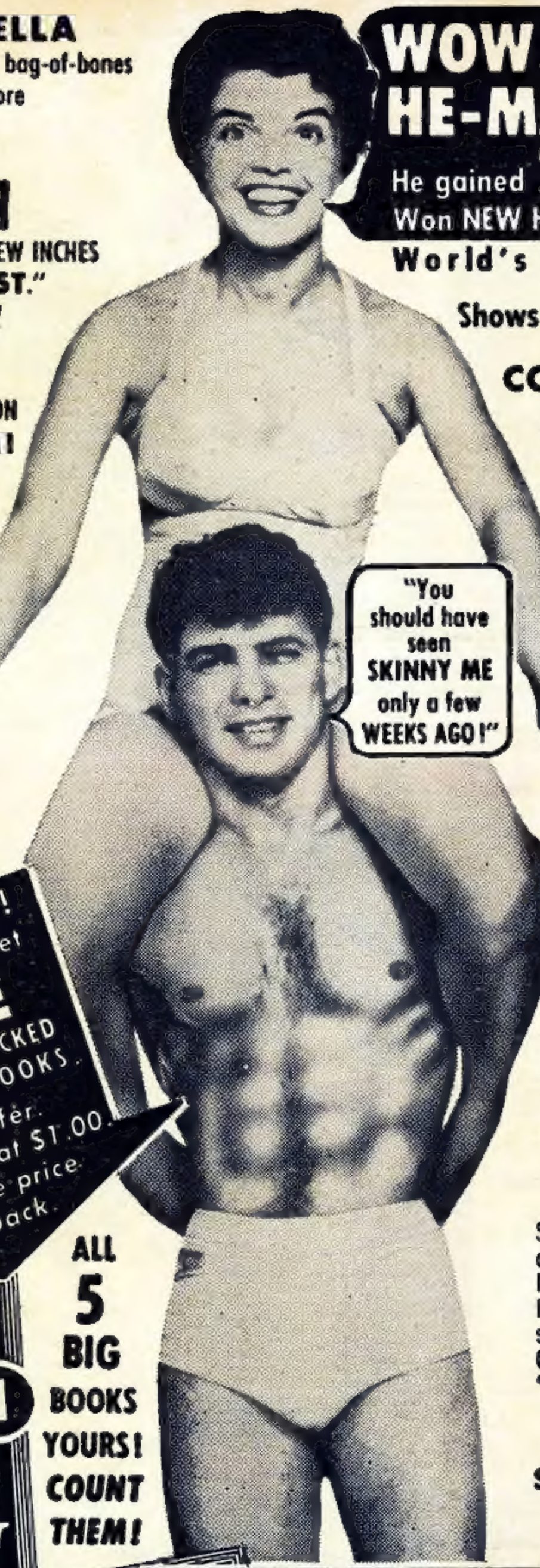

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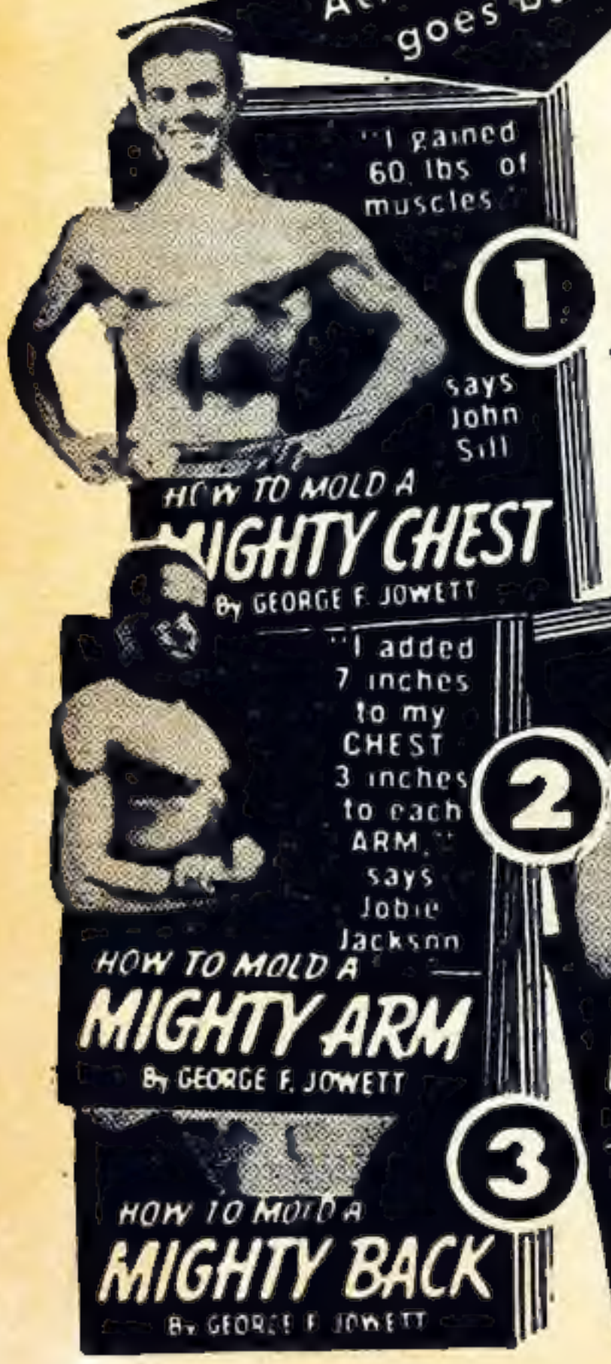
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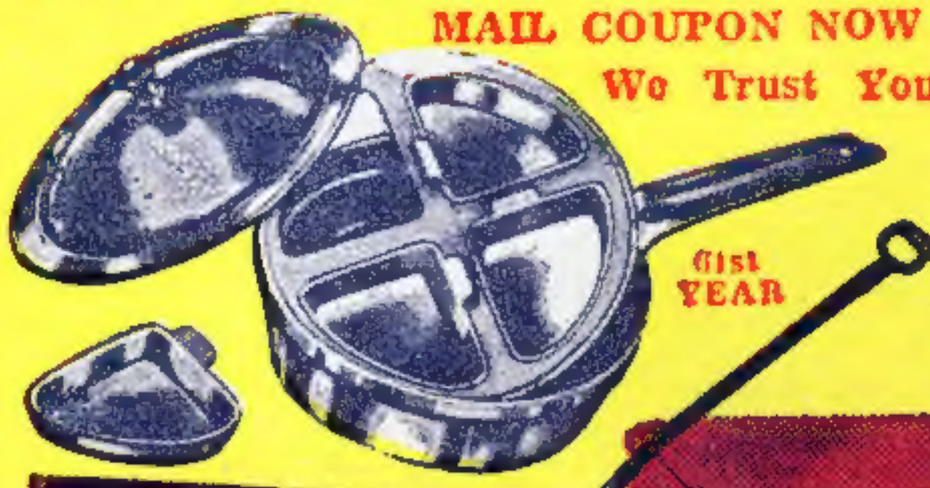

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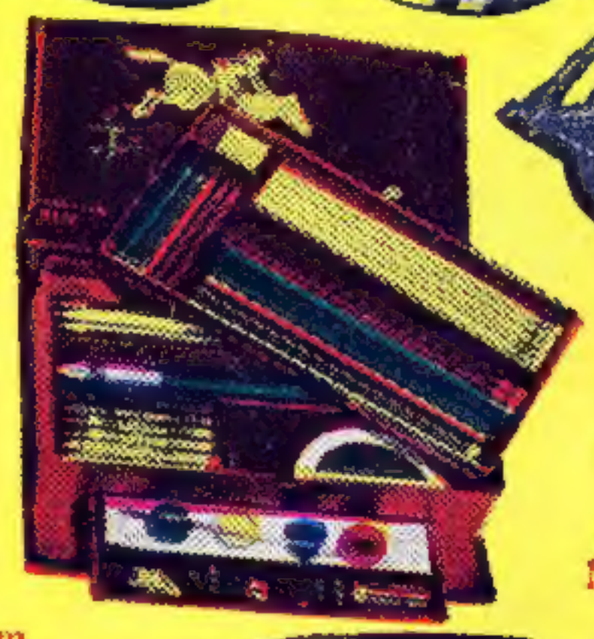

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